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May I thank the veterans who've provided us this wonderful hospitality. God bless those that served our country here, each and every one of you. May God bless the United States, a nation that is on the rise, not on the decline. Don't listen to the pessimists. May God bless the United States of America. Thank you very much.

Note: The President spoke at 3:04 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall. In his remarks, he referred to Neal Cassidy, commander, Middletown VFW Post; Al Thomas, chairman, and Ben Ferrera, executive director, New Jersey Veterans for Bush-Quayle; Bob Franks, Republican State Chairman; Donald T. DiFrancesco, president, New Jersey State Senate; and Chuck Haytaian, speaker, New Jersey State Assembly.

Message to the Congress Transmitting the District of Columbia Budget Amendment Request

September 9, 1992

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, I am transmitting the District of Columbia Government's 1993 Budget amendment request.

The District of Columbia Government has submitted a request to increase its FY 1993 capital authority by \$60 million and to reprogram \$20 million of capital authority from an existing project. The requested

increase in authority is needed to fund the District's share of the remaining 13.5 miles of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Metrorail system in accordance with the construction schedule adopted in the Fifth Interim Capital Contributions Agreement.

GEORGE BUSH

The White House,
September 9, 1992.

Message to the Congress Transmitting the Ireland-United States Social Security Agreement

September 9, 1992

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Social Security Amendments of 1977 (Public Law 95-216, 42 U.S.C. 433(e)(1)), I transmit herewith the Agreement between the United States of America and Ireland on Social Security, which consists of two separate instruments: a principal agreement and an administrative arrangement. The agreement was signed at Washington on April 14, 1992.

The United States-Ireland agreement contains all provisions mandated by section 233 and other provisions that I deem appro-

priate to carry out the provisions of section 233, pursuant to section 233(c)(4). It is similar in objective to the social security agreements already in force with Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Such bilateral agreements provide for limited coordination between the United States and foreign social security systems to eliminate dual social security coverage and taxation, and to help prevent the loss of benefit protection that can occur when workers divide their careers between two countries.

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I also transmit for the information of the Congress a report prepared by the Department of Health and Human Services explaining the key points of the agreement, along with a paragraph-by-paragraph explanation of the provisions of the principal agreement and the related administrative arrangement. Annexed to this report is the report required by section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act on the effect of the agreement on income and expenditures of the U.S. Social Security program and the

number of individuals affected by the agreement. The Department of Health and Human Services has recommended the agreement and related documents to me.

I commend the United States-Ireland Social Security Agreement and related documents.

GEORGE BUSH

The White House,
September 9, 1992.

Message to the Congress Transmitting the China-United States Fishery Agreement

September 9, 1992

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-265; 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), I transmit herewith an Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People's Republic of China Amending and Extending the 1985 Agreement Concerning Fisheries off the Coasts of the United States, as amended, which was effected by exchange of notes at Washington May 12 and July 16, 1992, copies of which are attached. This agreement extends the 1985 agreement for an additional 2-year period,

until July 1, 1994, and further amends the agreement to incorporate the latest changes in U.S. laws. The exchange of notes together with the present agreement constitute a governing international fishery agreement within the meaning of section 201(c) of the Act.

Because of the importance of our fisheries relations with the People's Republic of China, I urge that the Congress give favorable consideration to this agreement.

GEORGE BUSH

The White House,
September 9, 1992.

Statement on the Death of Julia Rivera de Vincenti

September 9, 1992

Barbara and I are deeply saddened by the loss of our close personal friend Julia Rivera de Vincenti. She was always an honest and loyal supporter, but much more than that, she was a true friend.

Julia served Puerto Rico with great distinction, and was universally admired. Julia's service did not stop with Puerto Rico. She also served this Nation with great distinction, including her service at the United Nations, where she helped carry forth the

message of equity and hope to the entire world.

The Bush family considered Julia a part of our extended family. To her daughter Violeta, Barbara and I send our deepest condolences and prayers.